

MINUTES

INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

**MAY 19, 2008 6 PM
ANDERSON CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
120 E 8TH STREET
ANDERSON IN 46011
765-648-6600**

A. BOARD CALLED TO ORDER
6:10 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Present

James Greeson (7:00 pm)
Thomas Hanify
Jack Kerney Sr
Jerry Nulliner
Bradley Thatcher
Ab Crosby
Jeff Hayes

Absent

Charles Hall
Candice Ashby
Darrick Scott

**C. MINUTES AND STATISTICAL REPORT FROM APRIL
2008.**

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Ab Crosby seconded.
Motion passed.

D. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

The new Marshal, Jim Greeson, formally from IFD. Looking forward to getting around the state and meeting and seeing the different fire departments. I will be glad to answer any questions you might have after the meeting.

E. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION REPORT; DIRECTOR BRADLEY THATCHER.

- * All of 2008 and 2009 district budgets have been received and they look good.
- * We are drafting a survey questionnaire that will be sent out 2-3 weeks after testing to the students. We are trying to better the process and we would like feedback on this.
- * Received the new Live Burn trailer. I will let John Buckman talk about this;
It is at Camp Atterbury right now and we had about 30 instructors down there to see it and try it out.
(comment audience) This does a lot more than we thought it would do.
- * We are also getting ready to receive the new Hazmat Training Trailer and I was impressed with this. It does a lot more than I thought it was going to do. We need curriculum created on both of these trailers.
The plan is that these trailers will stay about 1 month in each location before it moves on.

F. CERTIFICATION SECTION CHIEF, JOHN BUCKMAN

John had hand-outs of suggested changes.

- 1) Listing of problems with the returned testing packets
- 2) Schedule for test rotation
- 3) Sample tests will be on the web page for all tests
- 4) Review applications daily on the web for accuracy

Question: in order to change a submitted application, it requires you to call Sam and get it unlocked to make the adjustment. John states that he will look into this

- 5) Continued education; change in allowable hours

Question: what counts as class room teaching; is it registered classes only? The ability to teach at registered classes is not always there and to get 30 hours is hard.

Can in-house classes count? ie, hazmat refresher classes and general daily in-house training?

- 6) The earliest for the procedures would come in play January 1st.

This will be on the June/July agenda for more discussion.

- 7) What kind of fiscal impact would this create?

- 8) The Technical Rescue Awareness level books are being mailed out to every Fire Chief in the state of Indiana. NOT TO TRAINING COORDINATORS BUT TO FIRE CHIEFS. We are sending 1 instructor manual, 1 student manual and 1 cd including the curriculum.

- 9) We are asking the proctors to open test packets when they get them and check and see that everything is in the box. This gives us time to correct any errors.

- 10) Proctors are allowed to copy the completed bubble sheets. NOT THE TEST, but the bubble sheet. This is because if UPS loses the box, you still have a copy of the answer sheets that you can submit.

- 11) Many instructors are evaluating the skills during the class. This is not allowed. The instructor must have an evaluator on hand in order to evaluate the practicals. All skills must be completed.

- 12) New reciprocity procedures. These are on the web page.

- 13) Investigator recertification hours- due to new court procedures we need to start looking at continued education. The courts are requiring an investigator to be current on all procedures if the investigator wants to be taken seriously. This has become a critical point in the recent past.

- 14) We are looking at the security of tests. We are looking at hiring proctors to send out for security reasons. IFSAC is due next year for renewal and at the status today, we will

lose this certification due to security issues. We know tests are being copied and this has to stop .

G. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW- JUDGE TEEGARDEN

No report at this time.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motorsports – Manuela Johnson
No report at this time. The Board requested that this item be removed from the agenda until there is a report furnished.
2. Administrative Rule changes, 07-0450 dated 5-02-08.

THESE ARE PROPOSED CHANGES ONLY

Page 6 – Driver Operator Aircraft Crash and Rescue needs deleted; Hazmat Command needs deleted

Page 9 - (b) does the lead instructor need to be in the class during the class – the rule does not say that the lead instructor must be in class

Question – what is the notification going to be on the changes; it will be on the web page, and the associations will get the information out, the instructors are responsible for checking the web page for updates, John and Tony have a list-serve they can send out the changes or effective dates;

John spoke about a 30 minute web based instructional power point, they are working on.

An instructor will have 12 months after the rules go into affect to get certifications in the field they are instructing. This means that (example) an instructor teaching Fire Officer 1, has until January 2010 to get certified as a Fire Officer 1.

Page 9 (d)(1) an instructor 1, will be allowed to be a proctor for all testing

Page 12 – when applying for class on line, the application is the same for class and test. This requires you to submit the test application 30 days prior, not 15. This needs to change.

Page 15 – duplicate 14, 15 16 are the same as 10, 11, and 12 as on page 14.

Page 17 – section 19 (c); change “classes for 1 or more certifications under the boards rules”. Change the wording to read Public Safety & Emergency Response classes.

What hours for recertification?

Instructor 1- must have 30 hours of continued education with at least 6 hours in adult education/professional development;

Instructor II/III – must have total of 30 hours; 6 hours of practical skills evaluation, 6 hours continued education; 18 hours of teaching Public Safety & Emergency Response classes.

Page 20 – Structural collapse requirements need to state NFPA 472.

Comments from LE Kohler, submitted 1072 signatures on a petition stating:

We petition the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education to prevent any rule changes that will directly or indirectly limit the number of fire service instructors available to VFD in the state of Indiana. We also petition the board not to propose rule changes that will cause undue harm or place great financial burdens on many of the VFD in the state.....Mr. Kohler stated that the changes made today would solve the issues brought up in this petition, but he will tell the petitioners this until he has seen a final draft.

Page 16 – 1-1-13 (a) (2) strike the phrase “including all prerequisites”

The board will approve the proposed rules based on the amendments tonight for publication. Tom Hanify made a motion to accept the rule changes made tonight with the understanding that the new draft will be discussed at the June meeting with July being the public hearing. Bradley Thatcher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Secretary

Jack Kerney nominated Jeff Hayes, Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed. Jeff Hayes is the new board secretary.

J.

VARIANCES

1. David Cushwa requested a variance for Hazardous material Operations based on the course completions enclosed.

Staff recommends denial. He has not met the prerequisite.

Jack Kerney made a motion to accept staff recommendation. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

2. William Kornrump requested a variance for Hazardous material Operations based on the course completions enclosed.

Staff recommends denial. He has not met the prerequisite.

Jack Kerney made a motion to accept staff recommendation. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

3. Kevin Alber requested a variance for Hazardous material Operations based on the course completions enclosed.

Staff recommends denial. He has not met the prerequisite.

Jack Kerney made a motion to accept staff recommendation. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

4. Edward Hagedorn requested a variance for Hazmat Awareness and Operations based on the enclosed information.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to table pending continued education hours. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

5. Louis Scarpellini requested variances for Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, Fire Officer I and Fire Officer 2 at the April meeting. The Board requested a letter from his Fire Chief affirming that he was a member of an Indiana Fire Department. The letter is enclosed.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

K. RECIPROCITY REQUESTS

No requests at this time.

L. APPEAL REQUESTS

1. Louis Scarpellini is appealing the Boards decision to deny his request for variance for Hazardous Material Awareness and Operations. This was denied at the February meeting.

Tom Hanify made a motion to send the appeal to Judge Teegarden for consideration. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

2. Lewis Austin is appealing the Boards decision to deny his request for variance for Fire Inspector 3, Fire Officer 2 and Fire Officer 3.

Tom Hanify made a motion to send the appeal to Judge Teegarden for consideration. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

M. MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 pm

NEXT MEETING

IVFA Convention
June 19th 9AM
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